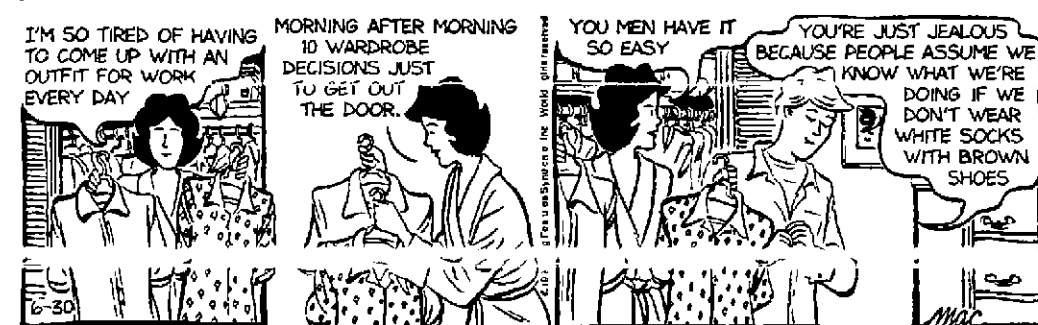


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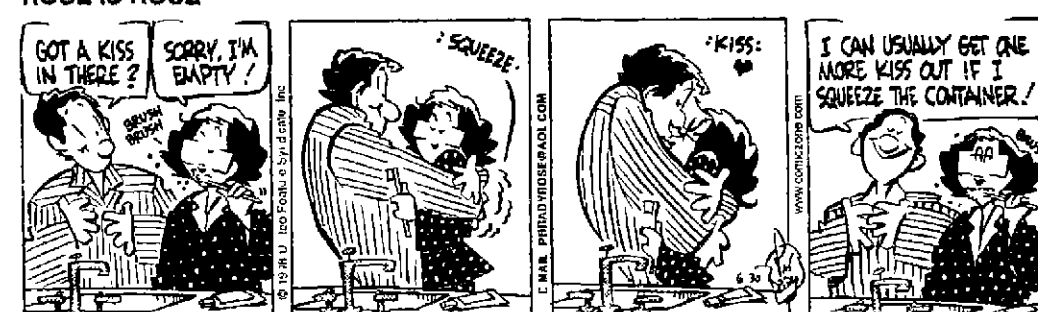
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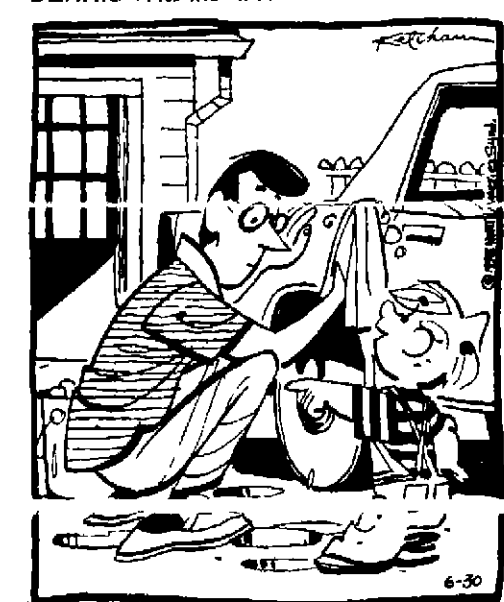
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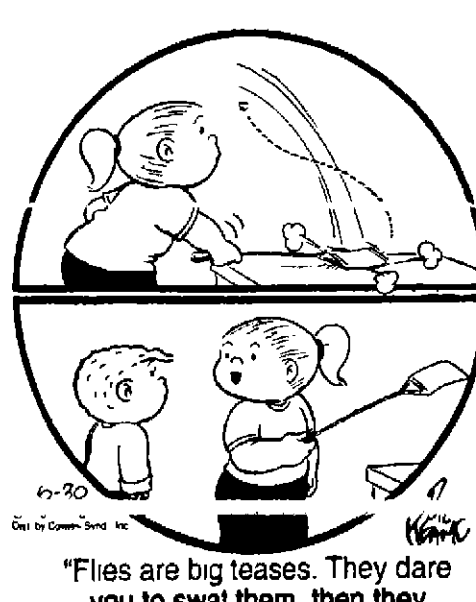
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DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Singer **Lena Horne** is 81. Actor **Tony Musante** is 62. Actress **Nancy Dussan** is 61. Singer **Glenn Shorrock** (Little River Band) is 54. Jazz musician **Stanley Clarke** is 47. Rock musician **Hal Rodden** (Dire Straits) is 45. Actor-comedian **David Alan Grier** is 43. Actor **Vincent D'Onofrio** is 39. Actor **Rupert Graves** is 35. Boxer **Mike Tyson** is 32. Rock musician **Tom Drummond** (Better Than Ezra) is 29. Actor **Brian Bloom** is 28.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 110-120

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 11 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points for each word using the point values in the right margin. All words get 50 points. Bonus words get 100 points. Bonus words are marked with a *.

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WORD SLEUTH

Things we judge

Y K I F C Z W U R P S M J H G
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Monday's unlisted clue: WALL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hunt: FISTICUFFS

Beauty Dogs Livestock Skating
Ball riding Flowers Livestock Ski jumping
Contests Gymnastics Others Wine
Diving Horses Pies

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0519

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bay of Naples isle
6 Custard base
9 Hamburger e.g.
14 Marriage
15 Word for a superior
16 Nebraska's biggest city
17 Pipe parts
18 Sports Illustrated's 1974 Sportsman of the Year
19 Not so strict
20 Impossible achievement
23 Poly (college major)
24 Faux pas
25 Language name suffix
28 Excise
- DOWN**
- 30 Strikingly unusual things
35 March Madness org.
37 Offshore apparatus
39 Prohibitions for Junior
40 Impossible discovery
44 Reach in amount
45 Parisian article
46 Toy on a string
47 Not always
50 Furry TV alien
52 Beachgoer's goal
53 Andy's boy in 60's TV
55 One of own
57 Impossible activity
58 Angler of morays

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LISPS SPEC DIVA
ECLAT TILE OBIS
SOUPANDSANDWICH
ENGAGE ATTENDEE
LEARN ERRAS
CBUS STEEM INAKE
OUTS EEOC NAMED
MEATANDOPOTATOES
FLORES SEARS FRATE
TOTEMS OOCES YSL
LALA ATUB
RESIDING SCALPS
CAKEANDICECREAM
ASIS GULP ORATE
SENT SPAR RENEW

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Put yourself in West's chair and defend against South's spade game. Pay heed to the bidding, and decide what to do at trick

West leads his heart king holding the trick when East plays the deuce. Is East's deuce a suit-preference signal showing club strength? Probably yes, but it has little to do with choosing the best play at trick two. To find the best play, West must visualize South's hand. Obviously, he has plenty of spades, but what is his second suit? Just as obviously, it must be diamonds. So there is nothing to gain by continuing in hearts or shifting to a club. The immediate danger is diamond ruffs in dummy. At trick two West must shift to a trump! South wins the trump shift and frantically leads his diamond queen, but West is ready. He wins his ace to lead a second trump, and South can manage only one diamond ruff in dummy. This leaves him with three diamond losers, which, added to his heart loser, total one down. Note that any other lead at trick two gives South his game. Now he can ruff two diamonds in dummy. These, together with seven spades and the club ace, bring his total to 10 tricks. Did you lead a trump at the club two? You belong at the head of the class. You shifted to a club? You need to pay more attention to the bidding and to forming a picture of declarer's most probable distribution.

NORTH 05-30-A
♠ 7 4 2
♥ Q 9 7 6 3
♦ 4
♣ A Q 10 8

WEST
♠ K 8
♥ K 8
♦ A J 9 7
♣ 7 5 4 3 2

EAST
♠ 5
♥ A J 10 4 2
♦ K 3 2
♣ K J 9 6

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 9 6 3
♥ 3
♦ Q 10 8 6 5
♣

Vulnerable East West Dealer East

The bidding East 1♥ South 4♠ West 1♠ North 1♠ All pass

Opening lead Heart king

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